



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1 - 10th September 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week's newsletter is dedicated to Mrs Sue Ferguson. It was with great sadness that we informed you during Summer break, that Mrs Ferguson, our dedicated and beloved Head Teacher for the last 20 years, died on Saturday 10th August, following her battle with cancer.

Mrs Ferguson's 20+ years of service within the Ellen Wilkinson School Community was laced with dedication, passion and integrity, which impacted all she came across. She worked with the utmost zeal amongst her colleagues and younger professionals to bring about the best for everyone.

Mrs Ferguson believed totally in the potential of all children to 'Learn, Grow and Succeed Together', as they imbibed the values of being 'Heard & Cared For, Inspired, Resilient, Successful and Respectful'. Her professional outlook extended beyond the shores of the UK; to the Netherlands (Holland) and China in particular, where lasting connections have been made with professional colleagues.



We held separate age appropriate assemblies with the children and spoke about Mrs Ferguson upon our return in September. It was clear in the children's responses that her legacy lives on.

We continue to be in contact with Mrs Ferguson's family to offer our support, as our school family joins them in their grief at this time. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 12th September and therefore school will be closed to allow for her colleagues and school staff to attend. We will in time, look at how we will come together as a school community to continue to celebrate her life. In the meantime, the family have offered the following as links should you wish to make a donation towards charities and institutions that Mrs Ferguson was passionate about and were at the centre of her care:

Friends of the Royal Marsden Hospital

- <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-ferguson-1724332697106>

St Luke Hospice - Basildon

- <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-ferguson-1724334390352>

We have had beautiful messages and memories shared about Mrs Ferguson coming through by email and voice notes. You are reminded that should you wish to share any of your personal memories or condolences, this can be done through our online condolence page, accessed via this link: [Click HERE](#). This page will remain open until 31st October 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the school community, our parents and carers, for your support and messages of good will. Mrs Ferguson always believed in and spoke of the importance of the 'EWPS family', therefore as we face this sad time we know the importance of coming together and supporting each other and continuing this as we move forward together.

Kind Regards,
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Acting Headteacher